

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Paragraph 4 is replaced by the following paragraph:

[4] In part to reduce the space in a channel frame header required to address a particular port and thus speed up routing of data, another port addressing scheme was developed. After a connection has been established between a node and a switch, each port in the node is assigned a unique (within the fabric) address (`destination_id`) by a controlling switch using a name server. The switch maintains a translation between the port address and the ~~WWN~~WWPN address and can address any port in the fabric using the `destination_id`. Additionally, each slot of a node has a "name" (`interface_id`) by which the slot may be physically identified.